

**SATELLITE BROADCASTING SYSTEM  
EMPLOYING CHANNEL SWITCHING**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A satellite broadcasting system includes a  
5 multi-channel transmitter and a multi-channel  
receiver. The transmitter transmits data signals on  
first and second communication channels via  
satellite, and the receiver receives the data  
signals on the first and second communication  
10 channels. The receiver includes a tuner responsive  
to a selected communication channel indication for  
tuning in a particular one of the first and second  
communication channels identified by the selected  
communication channel indication. The transmitter  
15 transmits to the receiver on the particular  
communication channel based on the selected  
communication channel indication.